THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, 2nd January 1954.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, questions Nos. 43, 44, 45 and 46, to be replied by the Hon. the Chief Minister who is not present, may be taken up a little later."

MR. CHAIRMAN:—" I will now take up question No. 47."

Amrit Nagar Rehabilitation Colony for T.B. patients.

*** 47 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—**

(*a*) the total cost of constructing the Amrit Nagar Rehabilitation Colony for T.B. patients and the amount that has been contributed by Government;

(*b*) the monthly expenditure for maintaining it;

(*c*) the number of persons for whom accommodation is available in this colony and the number actually accommodated in it now;

(*d*) whether the cottages in this colony are rendered damp in the rainy season and whether it is due to the existence of a large tank in their vicinity and whether the health of T.B. patients is affected by the dampness and the steps taken by the Government to remedy this; and

(*e*) whether there are any proposals now for extending this colony or the Sanatorium at Tambaram?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) The total cost of construction of the colony is Rs. 92,273. The Government have not contributed any amount towards its construction. But the maintenance charges of the colony are met by the Government.

" (*b*) Rs. 2,475.

" (*c*) Accommodation is available for 45 patients. The number actually accommodated is 24 and arrangements are being made to accommodate the full strength.

" (*d*) The cottages are not damp in the rainy season though there is a tank adjacent to the colony. The location is in no way detrimental to the health of ex-patients for whom this colony is intended.

" (*e*) Yes, Sir."

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Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know whether there is a canteen attached to the colony and what arrangements have been made for the supply of food to in-patients and their relatives who reside in the colony? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, notice of a separate question may be given."

Sri V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Sir, I am very much in ignorance about the colony. May I ask the Hon. the Minister for Public Health to let us know what exactly is the object of this colony, and how the patients are to be benefited by this colony? "

Mr. CHAIRMAN :—" This is not a supplementary question."

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, relapse occurs in the case of many patients discharged from the Tuberculosis Sanatorium when they go back to their old conditions of life and work. This colony is meant for the after-care of patients."

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" Sir, may I know where this colony is situated? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It is situated in Tambaram itself on the side opposite to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium."

Physical Therapy section in the Madras General Hospital.

* 48 *Q.*—Dr. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Physical Therapy section was opened in the Madras General Hospital;

(*b*) whether it is well-equipped, if not, why;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to equip it properly;

(*d*) whether the Madras Medical College is training undergraduates and post-graduates in rehabilitating the handicapped; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of patients treated up to date and the diseases for which physical therapy and rehabilitation treatment were given?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) It was opened in 1934.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The section is tquipped for the treatment of ordinary cases. A proposal for providing the section with further equipment is under consideration.

" (*d*) Under-graduates are given training in the rehabilitation of cases along with their training in Orthopædics. No training in the speciality is given to post-graduates.